

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended)) An automated method for visitor clearance to a controlled access facility and the generation of a photo-identification access document comprising:

providing an arrangement proximate an entry to a controlled access facility, said arrangement comprising video monitor means, digital photographing means, printing means and visitor responsive data input means;

providing computer means comprising controller means, data storage means and comparator means in electronic communication with said arrangement, said data storage means containing data relating to visitor entry;

means directing a visitor presented before said video monitor to input data by said visitor responsive data input means, in response to a plurality of queries posed to said visitor by said arrangement;

wherein said data input to said visitor responsive data input means comprises name identification data of said visitor and data regarding the purpose of the visit by said visitor;

Wherein facial photographic data of said visitor is taken by said digital photographing means;

wherein said computer means automatically compares said facial photographic data and name identification data to facial photographic data and name identification data comprised in said

data storage means and automatically assigns a value indicative of entry clearance status based upon pre-established parameters;

wherein said computer means automatically compares said data regarding the purpose of visit to data comprised in said data storage means and automatically assigns [a] another value indicative of entry clearance status based upon pre-established parameters;

wherein said computer means automatically compares said values indicative of entry clearance against pre-established parameters and enables said printing means to automatically generate a printed document containing a photo identification of said visitor and parameters of entry if said comparison is within pre-established parameters.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the [photographed image] photographic data of said visitor is compared to photographic data maintained in a remote data storage bank.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) The method of claim 1 comprising means for receiving auditory responses by said visitor to queries posed by said [computer] arrangement and converting said auditory responses to digital data usable by said computer.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A controlled entry device comprising a PC monitor, keyboard, card swipe data entry means, camera, audio speaker and printer means, in electronic communication with a controlling computer comprising a controller means, comparator means, computing means, data storage means and means for remote communication; wherein said controlling computer is enabled to automatically compare values indicative of entry clearance against pre-established parameters and automatically generate a printed document, dispensed from said printing means to a visitor presented before said controlled entry device, containing a photo identification of said visitor and parameters of entry.